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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13, 2025

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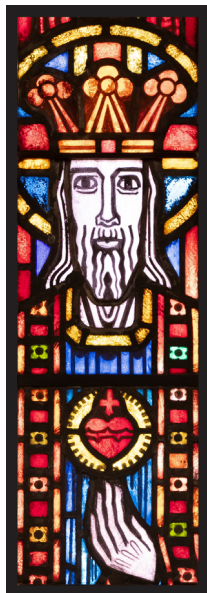
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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MASSES

Tuesday–Friday: 12:00 N

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm

Saturday: 4:00–4:45 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm

Christ the King window in the Cathedral (Rambusch, 1931)

Biking for Babies July 15 | 6:30–8:00 pm | Church, Parish Hall

The Cathedral is honored to host Biking for Babies, a pro-life organization forming young adults into missionary disciples and raising funds and awareness for pregnancy centers. Biking for Babies riders will explain their unique approach to renewing a culture of life, starting with supporting women in need and ending with hearts transformed. All are invited to attend the prayer service, talk, and dinner.



Details on the event and ways to help: <https://bit.ly/bikingforbabies25>

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VCU West Main Deck (801 W. Main St.):

1. Pull and keep a ticket to enter deck
2. Use this code from this bulletin or:
3. Take a photo of the code with your phone
4. When leaving the deck, insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.



Valid until June 2026

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

Saturday, July 12	
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Sunday, July 13	
9:00 am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Thomas Dougherty) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Giosue Sanzone)
12:00 N	Social Justice Committee
5:00 pm	Mass (Rev. John Ziegler)
Monday, July 14	
12:00 N	St. Kateri Tekakwitha No Mass
Tuesday, July 15	
12:00 N	St. Bonaventure No Mass
6:30 pm	Biking for Babies Prayer Service and Dinner
Wednesday, July 16	
7:30 am	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lauds
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	No adoration or confessions
Thursday, July 17	
12:00 N	15th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass
6:00 pm	OCIA Inquiry Session
Friday, July 18	
12:00 N	St. Camillus de Lellis No Mass

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (July): For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Sick: Anita Adam, Richard Heberle, Margaret Huber, Madeline Peace, Elizabeth Storm.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Inquirers: Clay Harris, Daniel Humphrey, Blake Kazenski, Blake Keller, Jeorgia Lamb, Jordan Wilson; Catechumens: Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Steven Taylor; Candidates for Full Communion: Julia Lucenti, Corina Nuckols, Stacie Stockton; Candidates for Confirmation and the Eucharist: Idania Espinoza, Andrew Farrell, William Roebuck.

YOUNG ADULTS

July 15	Biking for Babies 6:30–8:00 pm Cathedral
August 5	Theology on Tap 6:00–8:00 pm Strangeways Brewing, Richmond
August 6	Wine and Pizza 7:00–8:30 pm Cathedral Plaza
August 22–23	Recent Graduate Retreat St. Michael Catholic Church, Glen Allen Registration: www.evangelizerichmond.org

For more information visit:

<https://evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults/>

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2026
(July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

Offertory Collection

	July 5–6	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,825	\$18,825
Weekly amount received	<u>\$14,727</u>	<u>\$18,825</u>
	–\$4,098	–\$4,098
Other gifts: \$4,000 (Rise Against Hunger)		
\$2,500 (Mary's Choice RVA)		
\$2,500 (St. Francis–Manchester)		
Second collections:		
Cathedral Preservation Fund (July 12–13): smaller capital projects		
Diocesan Mission Cooperative Appeal (July 19–20): Holy Family parish, southwest VA		

The finance council approved a \$1.7 million budget for the new fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). This new budget projects an increase in Offertory income, on average, of \$18,825 per week to meet normal operating expenses (e.g., payroll, utilities, insurance). The largest spending increases in the budget are in payroll so that the parish staff members continue to receive fair compensation for their good work. The generosity of parishioners is appreciated, and the parish is committed to being a good steward of the donations it receives.

Away from the Parish July 14–25

I will be away on vacation beginning next week. A visiting priests will hear confessions and celebrate Masses next weekend (July 19–20). Daily Mass, along with Wednesday adoration and confessions (July 16), will be canceled during this time.

If there is an emergency requiring a priest while I'm away, please call the emergency line: (804) 254-0699. —Fr. Tony

Mission Cooperative Appeal July 19–20

The Mission Cooperative Program of the Diocese of Richmond assists smaller, rural parishes by pairing them with larger parishes for financial support.

As part of this initiative, Fr. Renier Supranes will celebrate Masses next weekend, and a second collection will be taken up to support the four churches of Holy Family parish in southwest Virginia where he serves as pastor: St. Theresa, Tazewell; St. Elizabeth, Pocahontas; St. Mary, Richlands; and St. Joseph, Grundy.

Heroes BBQ July 27 | 12:00 N | Parish Hall

The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners to honor Armed Forces veterans following the 11:00 am Mass. Barbecue chicken and pork will be served, along with an array of fresh garden vegetables. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$25 for families. Proceeds will go to veterans in need. For questions, please contact Rick Atkinson (rickatkinson21@yahoo.com). The Knights look forward to seeing you at this patriotic luncheon.

WORSHIP

Ordinary Time

The term Ordinary Time translates the Latin *tempus per annum*: literally, “time through the year.” Ordinary Time is the season of the liturgical year that is not tied to a particular feast or preparation for a feast (Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter).

“Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, thirty-three or thirty-four weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period is known as Ordinary Time” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, no. 43).

Preparation of the Gifts

At Mass, members of the faithful bring forward the offerings of bread and wine that will become the body and blood of Christ.

“It is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. ... Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 73).

The bread and wine represent the sacrifice of people’s lives offered in union with the sacrifice of Christ in the Mass, as expressed by the prayers at the Preparation of the Gifts: “the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands. ... the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands.”

Pro Populo Mass

The Mass is a sacrifice because it renews the sacrifice of Christ’s death and resurrection (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1366). The grace of this sacrifice can be applied to a person or group or group of people, living or deceased. According to Church law, at least one Sunday Mass (celebrated on Sunday or anticipated on Saturday evening) must be offered “for the people” (Latin: *pro populo*) (*Code of Canon Law*, canons 388, 534).

Month’s Mind

There is a noble practice of having a Mass offered one month after the death of a loved one, known as the “month’s mind.” This custom, which originated in medieval England, is a beautiful way to honor the deceased and to comfort his or her survivors. Praying of the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. Parishioners are encouraged to schedule a month’s mind for their loved ones.

Prayer to the Holy Sacrament of the Altar

Grant us, we pray, Lord God,
to celebrate with worthy praises
the Lamb who was slain for us
so that we may be worthy to contemplate him
when he is revealed in glory.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass, no. 225 (© 2020, ICEL)

SERVICE

May Service Project

The Cathedral collected \$1,824.98 for the Mary’s Choice RVA Baby Bottle Campaign. Thank you for your generosity. Mary’s Choice provides care and support to expectant mothers in the Richmond area. <https://www.maryschoicerva.org>.

July 2025 Service Project:

Food Drive for St. Peter’s Pro-Cathedral

The Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter (N. 8th St. and E. Grace St.) has a ministry to the homeless, providing lunch on Tuesdays and dinner on Wednesdays, as well as bags of food and snack bags.

If you would like to help with this project, the following items are needed:

- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce
- Dry pasta
- Dry cereal
- Oatmeal
- Peanut butter

Items may be dropped off in the bins in the vestibule or parish hall through July 31. Thank you for your generosity.

Rise Against Hunger

August 2 | 10:00 am – 12:00 N | Henrico

Feeding the hungry is a corporal work of mercy. Cathedral parishioners are invited to come to meet at Rise Against Hunger to package food for international hunger relief. All ages are welcome and there is no cost to participate. Children are especially invited to participate to learn about works of charity firsthand. The Rise Against Hunger Facility address, waiver and registration can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/CathedralRAH2025>

Livestreaming Volunteers

The Cathedral parish livestreams the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed to help. Training and equipment are happily provided. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to conduct the livestreaming of the 9:00 am Sunday Mass, please contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

YOUTH

Work and Prayer Wrap-Up

Thank you to the six high school teens who participated in the Work and Prayer Day last week. The students had a full day of service to the Cathedral and St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral along with Mass, adoration, and personal reflection and prayer.

Baptism Information Session

July 27 | 12:15–12:45 pm | Parish Hall

Parents seeking baptism for their child are invited to attend a baptism information session. The requirements for parents and godparents, along with scheduling details, are explained. A brief tour of the parish spaces is also available.

Catechesis Information Session

August 3 | 10:15 –10:45 pm | Parish Hall

Families are invited to attend an information session on our catechesis and sacrament preparation programs. Schedules for the year will be available and meeting spaces will be open to view.

Weekly Catechesis

Registration for catechesis (religious education) this fall is open. Classes are available for children ages 4 years old through rising high school seniors. Weekly classes begin September 7, and all classes meet from 10:05 to 10:55 am (between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses). Registration: <https://bit.ly/PREK-HSCat>.

First Penance and First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion normally takes place when a child is seven years old and in second grade. It is preceded by the sacrament of Penance. To receive First Penance and First Holy Communion, a child must already be baptized in the Catholic Church and enrolled in catechesis (home, parish, or Catholic school). Several preparation sessions are also required. Preparation for First Penance takes place in January and preparation for First Holy Communion takes place in April. Registration: <https://bit.ly/PREK-HSCat>

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation is normally received at age fifteen and in tenth grade. To be confirmed, a young person must already be baptized in the Catholic Church and enrolled in catechesis (home, parish, or Catholic school). Preparation sessions (September–May) are also required. Registration: <https://bit.ly/PREK-HSCat>

ADULT

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

The Cathedral is a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year, enabling parishioners and visitors to obtain the jubilee indulgence. This indulgence can be gained by attending Mass, participating in Eucharistic adoration, or by carrying out works of mercy for those in need, including the sick and disabled. The usual conditions for an indulgence apply: confessing one's sins, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the pope's intentions (listed in the bulletin).

An indulgence is one way to cleanse the "residue" of sin that remains after sins have been forgiven in the sacrament of Penance: "Every sin... entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory." In our humanity, weak and attracted by evil, certain residual effects of sin remain. These are removed by the indulgence" (*Spes non confundit*, no. 23 §3).

OCIA

A Journey of Faith

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process for learning about the Catholic faith. This spiritual journey is for adults who have not been baptized, those who have been baptized in another denomination, and adults who were baptized Catholic but did not receive instruction in the faith. Adults who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to OCIA.

If you are interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

OCIA Inquiry Session

July 17 | 6:00 pm | Parish Hall

Would you like to know more the Catholic Church? Are you exploring your spirituality or considering deepening your faith? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) inquiry session a welcoming and supportive place to begin your journey toward the Catholic Church. If you are interested, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)

Wine and Pizza on the Plaza

August 6 | 7:00–8:30 pm | Cathedral Plaza

Young adults (ages 18–35) are invited to enjoy the wine and pizza on the Cathedral Plaza as Father Tony offers a presentation titled, "There's No 'S' at the End: A Closer Look at the Book of Revelation." Prior to dinner, adoration and confessions will take place in the church from 6:00 to 7:00 pm as normal.

Cost is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/Pizzaandwine25>

Revelation Bible Study

August 13 – September 17 | 7:00–8:15 pm | Parish Hall

The Acts of the Apostles Bible study has concluded. The next topic will be the Book of Revelation. There will be both adult and young-adult groups meeting. The study guide will be *Revelation: God's Gift of Hope* by Kevin Perrotta and can be purchased online.